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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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SUBJECT.

Rewards to certain Police Officers who successfully worked out the Sunnakal murder case.

FILE No. 115 of 1904-05.

Rewards to certain Police officers, who successfully worked out the Sunnakal murder case.

Letter No. 3460—373, dated 20th December 1904, from the Inspector General of Police.
Recommends the grant of rewards to Mr. Syeduddin Hussain, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Head-quarter Inspector Kalyanasundara Mudaliar and others for their good services rendered in the investigation and detection of the Sunnakal murder case. (Enclosure one memo.)

To the same, letter No. J. 1928, dated 18th January 1905.
Enquires whether an officer of the rank of a Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Police was at any time awarded a gold medal for services rendered by him.

From the same, letter No. 4146—445, dated 25th January 1905.
States that no precedent could be quoted and that the Government may decide whether the award of a medal is a suitable means of rewarding Mr. Syeduddin for his excellent conduct in a difficult and sensational case.

To the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, the Comptroller in Mysore, Order No. J. 1905

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File No. 115/04-05

FILE HEADING.

Rewards to certain Police Officers who successfully worked out the Sunnakal murder case.

From The Inspector Genl of Police.

No. 3460/373 Dated 20-12-04 Received 21-12-04

Diary No. 4/2859 | Enclos 1 memo Spare Copies. | Serial No. 1.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Recommends the grant of rewards to Mr Syedruddin Hussain Asst Supdt of Police, Hd Quarter Inspector Kalyanasundara Mudr, Daffedar Nellingappa and 3 other constables for their good services in working out the Sunnakal murder case.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Record 8/2/05

The rewards recommended are in the shape of gold & silver medals at a total cost of Rs 185. The records of the case were before the Govt in connection with the Memorial presented by the accused persons in the case. In a recent case the Govt have ordered

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that to justify the grant of rewards to Police officers, the services done by them must be very special & described in detail. The memo received with the Insp-General's letter ~~describes the various steps~~ gives the facts of the case.
Subd for orders.

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Submitted if the Dewan Saheb thinks the 2d Committee for orders.
The previous file is ~~destroyed~~ in Press. —

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3 I do not remember an officer of the Kurnool & Cuddapah Districts having been granted a medal, for on the lapse of any event. Mr. Krishna Rau was recommended for a Gold medal but it was not sanctioned. If necessary, it is requested to grant a copy or extract of the proceedings granting a Gold medal to such officers

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2	To The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore Letter no: J 1928/115-2. dated 18.1.05. Adverting to this letter no: 3460/373 dated 19.12.04, enquires whether an officer of the rank of a Superintendent or Asst: Superintendent of Police was at any time awarded a gold medal for services rendered by him.
3	From The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore. Letter no: 4146/445 dated 25.1.05. States that he cannot quote no precedent in the matter, and that he would leave to the Government to decide whether the award of a medal is a suitable means of rewarding the officer in question for his excellent conduct in a difficult and sensational case.

Subd with a draft order sanctioning the awards recommended (with the exception in the case of Mr Syed Abdul Hussain).

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4	To The Inspector-General of Police in c The Comptroller " Letter No: G 21667/Police 115-4, dated 2.2.05 Notes with appreciation the excellent work done by Mr Syed Nooruddin Hussain and expresses that Govt is not prepared to reward him with a gold medal as recommended and grants reward to the other Police officials as recommended by the Inspector-General of Police.

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From. Police. J. 1289

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To.
The Secretary to the Govt. of
H. H. the Maharaja
of Mysore.
Genl. & Rev. Depts.

Dated.

Despatched. 20th December 1904

Received.

General No 3460
No 373

Rec. No 1 Memo

Recommending certain rewards
to the Police Officers who success-
fully worked out the Sunnakal
murder case.

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No $\frac{3460}{373}$ E/Memo

Office of the
Inspector General of Police in Mr.
Dated, Bangalore, 19th December 20

From,

F. E. H. Carr Esquire,
Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To,

B. K. Venkatāvaradaiengar Esquire,
Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the
Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of Memo dated 28th November 1904, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, together with the Assistant Superintendent's Memo on the Sunnakal murder

Case

case of Srinivasapur Taluk.

2. This was a sensational case of great importance, as the principal person involved, was one Abdulla Sab, who was so lawless and influential that he had terrorised the neighbourhood for years.

3. The murder occurred when I was in charge of the Kolar District as Deputy Commissioner, and the whole investigation was carried out under my direct Supervision, and I am therefore in a position to state that I am perfectly satisfied that the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mr Syeduddin Hussain, and the other Police officers connected with the detection of the case, worked in a most zealous and persevering manner. The District Judge too appreciates the good services rendered by

by the Police Officers and men. In recognition of the Services rendered in this important case, I recommend that the rewards noted below may be Sanctioned by Government.

Names of Police officers and men.	Proposed by this Office			
		Rs	As	Ps.
Assistant Supdt. of Police Mr. Syeduddin Hussain	Gold medal	100	"	"
Head Quarter Inspector Kalyanasundaram Mudaliar	-do-	50	"	"
Subedar Muniappa	Silver medal	15	"	"
Subba Pathy	--	10	"	"
Constable Ramarao	--	5	"	"
-do- Mallikarjunaiya	--	5	"	"
	Total Rupees.	185	"	"

4. I request that you will be so good as to move the Government to Sanction my recommendation.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Inspector General of Police Hd. Qrs.

Memo.

On the 9th of January 1904 at about 5.30 Am when I had just returned from Chittoor on leave and was suffering from dry Beriberi, the Head Quarter Inspector of Police brought me a First Information Report and informed me that it referred to a Sensation murder of one Obalappa by the Sons, Son-in-law and other relations of Abdulla Sub on evening of the 7th and that he received it only an hour before. I instantly set to work at collecting information regarding Abdulla whereabouts as I suspected him to be the prime mover of the murder Since the deceased Obalappa and Abdulla were admitted bitter enemies for the past 15 years and each had petitioned that he was afraid of being killed by the other. It was ascertained that

that Abdulla was in Kolar on the 7th of January and till 10 P.M. on the 8th, that after then he left for Sunnakal with 2 pleaders Messrs. Bhima Rao and Nageswara Iyer.

Before going further, a short history of the position of the deceased and Abdulla in those parts and the nature of the place where the offence was committed is necessary to form a correct idea of the importance of the offence and the difficulty of its detection.

Hobaliappa was scion of the old family of Polligars that reigned Supreme in the Kanalpad regions in times past. After the advent of Abdulla Sab in these parts, during the past 15 years, Obaliappa's power was little by little crippled, while Abdulla's rose proportionately, and at the time this offence was committed -

helpless owing to all his adherents having joined Abdulla. During these years of struggle between the two men, many complaints and counter-complaints were put before the Courts, but in all these, invariably Hobalappa came out second best, simply because, no one had the courage to depose against Abdulla or his party.

After leaving instructions at Kolar that any important information forthcoming regarding the murder should be intimated at once, myself and the Head Quarter Inspector of Police left Kolar on the morning of the 10th for the Scene of Occurrence and reached a village named Pinkalvarpally about half a mile from Sumakal in the evening. As I did not know the road to Sumakal where, I heard the Amildar and Inspector were, I made enquiries of the villagers. The villagers skulked away and this clearly indicated

indicated the attitude I was to expect from the people during the Conduct of the case. A little later on, I met the Amildar (T. Raghavendra Rao) and Inspectors (Dadé Rao and Venkata Rao) who told me that they had arrested that day 4 of the accused mentioned by the Complainant and that they had not proceeded any further in the case. On Seeing the Scene of Occurrence, there was no doubt that Obalappa was beaten there and probably to death as the marks of blood on earth were profuse. The first thing necessary to prove the murder was the finding of the body of Obalappa, as without Corpus delicti there would be no case at all. All the attempts of the Police was directed towards the finding of the body of Obalappa. The timid and unwilling villagers were coheded and the whole of the Nayalpad forest in the vicinity of the Scene of occurrence

occurrence was searched, not to speak of the hauling of wells. The Police, all the while search was being made, were attempting to get a clue to the finding of the body. On the night of the 11th information leaked out that the body of Obalappa was buried in a wet field of Abdulla Sab's not far from his own house. Inspector Venkata Rao and others were instantly sent to ravage the wet field and on the morning of the 12th, the body of Obalappa was found in a wet field of Abdulla Sab's. This was the first step in the successful detection of the case. The next thing necessary was the collection of evidence. Difficulty of a two-fold nature had to be overcome in this matter. In the first place Abdulla had concealed two boys who were eye-witnesses to the offence who had to be traced and in the next place although there were

were a number of persons who could speak to material points of the case, they were either Abdulla's adherents or were so afraid of him that it was not easy task to make them come out with the truth. One of the boys (eye-witness) concealed by Abdulla was; after some difficulty, traced at Hosket, a village about 7 miles from Sunnakal while the other (Hyder Sab) who was sent along with the accused Abdul Rahim, eldest son of Abdulla Sab, was not forthcoming till the case was being enquired into by the Commg Magistrate.

The first step done to collect evidence was the arrest of Abdulla Sab which I was emboldened to do as the body of Hobalappa was found in his field and as I had ~~even~~ the body was found I received information from Kolar that on the noon of the 7th;

Abdulla

Abdulla engaged a jut to go to Sunnakal and sent it with an oral message through the Jutka driver to see his son Abdul Rahim and ascertain from him if the thing he wanted to be done was done and if it had been done to bring his son to Kolar. After Abdulla was arrested, the villagers began to look upon the Police with some confidence and after much coaxing and encouragement, evidence to the following points was collected.

I. For a cock fight having taken place at Rajinakalpally on the noon of the day in question where Hobalappa Abdul Rahim was present.

. Ghouse Sab
. Abdul Karim
. Abdul Gaffer
. Esu
. Jamu
. Sheriff
. Azeem

II For a picnic having been held at a place, a hundred yards distant from the cock fight by Mussalmans at which the marginally noted persons were present.

III For the mussalmen having left the

the picnic half an hour earlier than Obalappa towards their village.

IV. For having seen some of the accused seated in the very place in the foot path where Hobalappa was beaten a little before Obalappa left the cock-fight and returned to his village.

V. For having seen Hobalappa, his son and Venkatappa go in the foot path where he was beaten.

The motive ~~of~~ for the crime was proved beyond all doubt by means of criminal and other records to be bitter enmity from a long time. One of these records belonging to the Forest Department which the Police were able to produce during the trial in the Sessions showed that on the petition of the deceased, Abdulla was ordered to be prosecuted for theft of trees from the State Forest and that if the deceased had lived, the

the complaint would have been proved with the result that Abdulla would have lost all his influence and been humbled in the eyes of his followers. After collecting evidence, the last but not the least difficulty the Police had to tide over was in keeping intact 50 witnesses for a period of nearly 3 months in face of great temptation from and fear for the accused.

1. Ghouse sab
2. Abdul Karim
3. Abdul Gafar
4. Esu
5. Yamu
6. Sheriff
7. Azeem
8. Abdullasab

The marginally noted accused were arrested and placed before the Committing Magistrate for preliminary enquiry with a request that a proclamation may be issued for the arrest of the eighth accused Abdul Rahim, eldest son of Abdulla Sab who was evading arrest.

On the Second day of the enquiry before the Committing Magistrate Hyder Sab, the other eye-witness, whose

those whereabouts were not known, was brought to the Assistant Superintendent of Police by the Srinivasapur Police stating that he was found in the Shandy at Nanalpad. On enquiring him, he stated that two days after the murder, Abdulla took him away and sent him to Malur, that from Malur he was taken to Bangalore where he was handed over to the charge of the 8th accused, that Abdul Rahim, (8th accused) and he were for sometime in Seethanaikanhally and Jangamkote, that he escaped from the last place and that Abdul Rahim was hiding in Jangamkote in his uncle's house in Sosha. Advantage was taken of this information and Abdul Rahim was arrested at Jangam-kote in female Costume the very next day. All the nine accused were committed to the Sessions, eight under Sections

Sections 302 or 307 I. P. Code and Abdulla Sab for abetment of murder or culpable homicide not amounting to murder. The Sessions Judge convicted all the accused sentencing eight of them including Abdulla to death and the ninth Azeem to transportation for life.

The Sessions Judge in his judgment remarks about the work of the Police as follows:—

"In conclusion, I feel it my duty to record, that the Police from the Assistant Superintendent of Police downwards including the Head Quarter Inspector of Police, Taluk Inspector Venkata Rao, Constables Rama Rao and Mallikarjunaiya deserve the highest praise for the manner in which they conducted the investigation and detected the case. Inspector Venkata Rao deserves special mention as the credit of the discovery of the body appears to be chiefly due to him.

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But for this discovery the case against the accused could not have probably stood. The Police have been prompt in their action and I am glad to be able to record that though probably working under strong temptations, they withstood them and honestly acted throughout with the single object of bringing the offenders to justice."

The accused appealed to the Chief Court. Chief Judge Mr. Staley and Justice Mr. Nanjundiah heard the appeal and confirmed the Sentence of the Sessions Judge as regards the 1st and 2nd accused (Ghouse Sab and Abdul Karim), Commuted the Sentence to one of transportation for life as regards Abdul Gaffer and Abdul Jahim and acquitted the rest. Abdulla Sab was acquitted on the ground that the evidence against him is not sufficient to warrant -

a conviction. The accused convicted and Sentenced by the Chief Court appealed for mercy to H. H. the Maharaja who refused to interfere. In this case the following Police officers and men worked with untiring Zeal and earnestness and helped me.

1. P. V. Kalyanasundaram Mudaliar, Head Quarter Inspector of Police
2. Inspector Venkata Row.
3. Duffedar Muniatappa.
4. Jamedar Madhu Row.
5. Jamedar Ghouse Khan
6. Constable Subbarayappa
7. Deputy munshi Kesavamurti Row.
8. Subba Vetty.

Of these, I have, since the close of the Case, in recognition of their Services given promotion to Jamedars Madhu Rao and Ghouse Khan and Constable Subbarayappa

Subbaramaiah and recommend favourable mention being made in the Service Register of Kesavamurti Nos.

Of the others, the Head Quarter Inspector of Police Supervised the investigation of the case to its utmost details along with me and collected and arranged the evidence. Further he was of great help during the prosecution of the case from the Committing Magistrate Court to the appeal in the Chief Court.

Inspector Venkata Nos, carried out the instructions given to him to the letter, and used his local influence with the villagers in making them come out with the truth. He was useful to some extent in keeping the witnesses intact.

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useful in keeping the witnesses intact - against great temptation.

The Sessions Judge in his judgment has mentioned the temptation that beset the Police and but for the active Co-operation of these officers and men the case would not have terminated successfully. In recognition of the services rendered by them I propose the following rewards for your kind recommendation.

1. P. J. Kalyanasundaram.
   Head Quarter Inspector of Police - a gold medal valued Rs 75/-
2. Inspector Venkata Row. do — do - Rs 45/-
3. Duffedar Muniappa - a silver medal valued Rs 20/-
4. Subbajetty - Rs 10/-.

Submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, for favor of forwardal to

H. I. X.

the Inspector General of Police with his kind support.

(Signed). L. Syeduddin. Hussain
Assistant Superintendent of Police

Kolar.
26th Nov 1904.

memo No: 1506.

Forwarded.

This sensational murder case attracted a great deal of public attention in these parts on account of the personality of the chief man involved in it, viz. Sumakal Abdulla Sab who is thoroughly detested and feared as a sort of Robin Hood. He has been acquitted in appeal.

The successful detection and investigation of this case and its prosecution up to the final stage reflect the highest credit

Credit on the Police. The best share of it belongs to Mr. Sayeduddin Hussain who directed the investigation and secured this result. But for his personal influence all evidence would have been suppressed. I cannot speak too highly of the services of the Hd. Sr. Inspector Mr. Kalyanasundaram Mudaliar who watched and helped in every step of the investigation and was the guiding spirit in the case. His honesty and intelligence were an example to the other subordinate Officers who worked under him. I would recommend him for a substantial recognition in the way of promotion. The other recommendations made by the A.S. of Police have my support.

(Sgd.) K. P. Puttanna Chetty.
Deputy Commissioner

28. 11. 1904

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Serial No 2

Diary No. of letter replied to _____

No. J 1928
Police: 115-2

General and Rev. Secretariat
(Police)
, the 18/1/ 1905.

To

The Inspector General of
Police in Mysore

Date of issue 18/1/05

Signed by Mr. M. Shamma Rao

His letter No. 3460 dated
the 19th December 1904, 373
commending the award of
medals to Mr Syed Nuddin
Hussain, Asstt Supdt of Police
& certain Police officials of
the Kolar District for having
successfully worked out the
Sumakkal murder case.

Adverting to the above
has the honour to enquire
whether an officer of the
rank of a Supdt or Asstt

over.

18/1/05

SUBJECT.

Supdt of Police was at any time awarded a gold medal for services rendered by him.

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1904-05.

From, 111 Nov 26 11

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To,

The Secretary to the Govt.
of H.H. the Maharajapf
Mysore,
Genl & Rev Departments.

Dated.

Despatched. 25 January 1905

Received.

General NO: 4146
No. 1146

Encl. No.

That no precedent could be quoted of awarding gold medal to Sngdt. or Asst Sngdt: of Police for their services rendered

Office of the

Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

No: 4146/445.

Dated, Bangalore, 23rd: January 1905.

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From,

F. E. C. Carr Esquire,

Inspector General of Police

in Mysore.

To,

B. K. Venkatavaradaiengar Esquire,

Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysor

General and Revenue Departm

Sir,

Reference:-

Your docket No. J 1928/Police 115-2 dated 18th instant enquiring whether an officer of the rank of Superintendent or - Assistant Supeintendent of Police was at any time awarded a gold medal for services rendered by him.

I have the honor to state that I can quote no precedent in the matter. I merely made the suggestion in order that the - services of Mr. Syedudin in the Sunnakal murder case might be - formally recognized by Government. I would leave it with Govern -ment to decide whether they consider the award of a medal as a suitable means of rewarding the officer in question for his -

excellent conduct of a difficult and sensational case.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Inspector General of Police.

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Serial No. 4.

Diary No. of letter replied to ———

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.
(Police)

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Date of issue 21/2/05

Signed by Mr B K Venkat Varadarajiyar

Read:—

Letter No 3460/373 dated the 19th December 1904, from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, recommending the Awards of medals to the Police officers noted in the margin at a cost of Rs 185 for having rendered valuable services in ~~detection~~ successfully detecting an important case of murder committed in the Sunnakal village of the Srinivaspur Taluk

over

Mr Syed Nadir Hussain, Asst Superintendent of Police	Gold Medal	Rs 100
Kalyanasundram Mudaliar, Head Gr Inspr.	do	50
Munisappa, Tuffedar	Silver Medal	15
Subba Setty	do	10
Rama Rao, Constable	do	5
Mallikarjunaiya	do	5
		Rs 185

SUBJECT

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The Govt are pleased t
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din Hussain, but are not
pared to ~~grant~~ reward him
to a gold medal as recom-
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The grant of rewards
the other Police officials
recommended by the Supt
ent is sanctioned.

31.1.1905

Secretary

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To The Dy. Supt of Police in Mysore
" Comptroller, Mysore Govt

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